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Subject: Please save the date for a technical workshop on estuarine habitat on 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) downtown Sacramento
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/watershed/sfbay-delta/index.html>

Dear old friends and prospective colleagues:

You've been identified as an expert on matters surrounding estuarine habitat for the Bay Delta Estuary, and you're cordially invited to participate in an all-day technical workshop on 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) in downtown Sacramento.

EPA is convening the workshop in partnership with the Aquatic Science Center (ASC), and the goal is to characterize how ecological processes and biological indicators change in response to different locations of the low salinity zone (LSZ) in the Estuary. At the workshop, a technical facilitator will engage ~20 scientists with expertise in estuarine ecology, fisheries, hydrodynamics, modeling, and water resource management.

Please respond to this invitation by 20 January 2012 (Friday) regarding your availability.

If you cannot participate, your seat will not be held for any substitute attendee. While space is at a premium, we will seek to accommodate non-participating observers. We are sorry that due to severe budget constraints, EPA and ASC cannot compensate you for your time, travel, and lodging.

As you may know, the State Water Resources Control Board will soon initiate the update of Delta flow objectives in its Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. This presents the scientific community with an important opportunity to inform the Board's regulatory decisions about estuarine habitat standards. As a product of the workshop, the vast amount of scientific research done since 1995 that pertains to the LSZ and estuarine habitat will be reviewed, evaluated, and synthesized into a format that will be useful to the Board.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.
Thanks so much, Tim

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